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SITE: Picillo

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Re: Picillo Waste Disposal Site

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in further response to your letter to Michael Deland of April 11, 1984 requesting a meeting of EPA staff with your technical subcommittee concerning the Picillo site. As I indicated to you in my letter of April 24, your request has been under consideration.

EPA is agreeable to scheduling a meeting with your technical subcommittee. Based on conversations with the Region I Waste Management Division and the current schedule of Picillo work activities, it appears that the earliest such a meeting could be held is the early part of June. By that time, EPA's consultant on the Picillo case, GCA Corporation, will have completed an endangerment assessment of the site. While no report will be released at that time, we will be able to discuss the preliminary results of the assessment with your subcommittee. For the information of the subcommittee, it should be noted that the assessment will be based primarily on data already supplied to you by John Moebs, as well on certain other data more recently received. The results of the endangerment assessment will be incorporated in the draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RIFS) currently expected to be released in mid-July.

I believe that initiating a dialogue among our technical staffs will prove useful for both the Agency and the generators on your committee. You should realize, however, that the scope of these conversations will, of necessity, be limited. Should we meet in June, EPA will not be in a position to discuss proposed site remedies. Such conversation must await release of the draft RIFS, at which time I expect more detailed and open dialogue of all technical issues to commence. It is also at that time that the more formal negotiations between EPA and the generators will begin. Further, I cannot assure you that there will be a forum for incorporation of any comments that your technical representatives may have at this stage, although we will consider your concerns.

Notwithstanding the above, I do look forward to meeting with you. If you believe such a meeting would be fruitful, please contact me so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joel Blumstein".

Joel Blumstein
Office of Regional Counsel

cc: S. Santos